9. The work of the department continued to be satisfactory.

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## LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

**Reviews the Administration Reports of the District Boards in Mysore during the year 1937-38.**

READ—

Reports on the working of the several District Boards in the State during the year 1937-38, received from the Presidents of the District Boards.

ORDER No. L. 5710-32—L. B. 52-38-9, DATED BANGALORE, THE 12TH JANUARY 1939.

Recorded.

2. There were eight District Boards as in previous years. Orders were issued during the year directing the bifurcation of the Mysore District Board with headquarters at Mysore and Mandya with effect from 1st September 1939. Mr. K. Chengalraya Reddi, President, District Board, Kolar, having resigned, Mr. V. Venkataswami Chetti, Vice-President was elected President in his place and Mr. S. Ramappa was elected Vice-President.

As in the previous year, there were 295 members, of whom 199 were elected, 60 were non-officials nominated by Government, and the remaining 36 were *ex-officio* members as shown in Statement I. The District Boards held 40 (51) meetings during the year and the average attendance at each meeting was 27·15 (28·13) non-officials and 3·27 (2·81) officials, or 30·42 (30·94) in all, against an average strength of 36·9 for each District Board.

The Standing Committees of the Kolar, Bangalore and Chitaldrug District Boards held 10, 8 and 6 meetings respectively, while the number of meetings held by those of Kadur and Tumkur were 5 and 4 respectively. The Standing Committees of the Mysore and Hassan District Boards met three times during the year and the Committee for Shimoga held only two meetings.

3. *Finance.*—The opening balance of the District Boards at the beginning of the year was [minus Rs. 39,879 and the income and expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 22,59,892 (Rs. 31,31,094) and Rs. 22,01,656 (Rs. 35,69,055) respectively, as noted below :—

| | *Income.* | *Expenditure.* |
|---|---|---|
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| A. Ordinary Items ... | 14,46,814 | 14,58,607 |
| B. Investment Account ... | 1,93,927 | 1,25,815 |
| C. Debt Heads :— | | |
| (a) Loans ... | 1,16,366 | 1,320 |
| (b) Deposits ... | 55,994 | 55,652 |
| (c) Advances ... | 21,427 | 37,732 |
| (d) Drinking Water Wells Fund ... | 29,933 | 29,831 |
| (e) Other Items ... | 3,92,431 | 4,92,699 |
| Total ... | 22,59,892 | 22,01,656 |

The abnormal decrease in the total receipts and expenditure as compared with those of the previous year is due to (i) the Mysore District Board raising last year a debenture loan of Rs. 7 lakhs and repaying the loan of a like amount taken by it from the Government in connection with the Nanjangud-Chamarajnagar Railway and (ii) the Bangalore and Chitaldrug District Boards withdrawing

a large portion of their investments for the construction of the District Board office and for carrying out the five-year programme of works, respectively. The expenditure is greater than the income in the Kadur and Chitaldrug District Boards, while the Bangalore and Shimoga District Boards have deficit balances. The position of budgetary equilibrium maintained by the other District Boards is only nominal, as many of them have postponed to the next year the payment of work bills and arrears of contributions due by them to several departments of Government. The details of income and expenditure of the several District Boards are contained in Statements Nos. II, V, VI and VIII appended.

4. *Income under Ordinary Items.*—The income under service heads amounted to Rs. 14,46,814 (Rs. 12,59,244), of which Rs. 7,86,676 (Rs. 7 85,038) was realised from local cess, Rs. 1,41,464 (Rs. 62,001) from tolls, Rs. 1,37,742 (Rs. 1,29,489) from markets, Rs. 42,808 (Rs. 1,65,378) from contributions and the rest from miscellaneous sources. The income from local cess fell in all the districts except Mysore and Chitaldrug where the figures show a slight increase. The income from markets showed some improvement in all the districts except Kolar. It is observed that, as prompt steps were not taken to collect the arrears of toll khists and market fees due from contractors, arrears to the extent of Rs. 5,254 became time-barred in the Bangalore District; and in the case of the Hassan District Board, a portion had to be written off the accounts as being time-barred and irrecoverable. Under markets and tolls, the arrears to be collected in six districts amount to Rs. 39,568. The Presidents of District Boards are requested to take prompt steps for their recovery.

5. *Railway Cess Transactions.*—Railway Cess continued to be levied in all the districts except Bangalore and Hassan and the income from this source during the year amounted to Rs. 2,14,873 (Rs. 2,41,764). The total income and expenditure under Railway Cess transactions amounted to Rs. 4,07,131 (Rs. 21,58,171) and Rs. 4,01,787 (Rs. 5,76,624) respectively. The Kadur District Board was permitted to utilise the annual Railway Cess collections in addition to the interest on the Railway Cess investment on a five-year programme of roads and bridges in the District. A loan of Rs. 1 lakh was sanctioned to the Chitaldrug District Board out of the Railway Cess investment for sinking drinking water wells in villages. The five-year programme of roads and bridges ordered to be undertaken by the Chitaldrug District Board out of the Railway Cess funds was inaugurated by His Highness the Maharaja in September 1937, when His Highness laid the foundation stone of the bridge at Donehalli.

As the Railway Cess funds of all the District Boards except Tumkur had hitherto been mixed up with their general balances, resulting in their utilisation for normal expenditure contrary to the provisions of the District Boards Act, Government issued orders directing the opening of a separate deposit account in the Treasury for accounting the transactions connected with the Railway Cess in respect of each District Board.

6. *Expenditure under Ordinary Items.*—The expenditure under ordinary items during the year was Rs. 14,58,607 (Rs. 17,83,434), the decrease being due to the fact that heavy items of expenditure on public works were not incurred as in the previous year and that certain bills on account of the execution of public works were not paid during the year.

7. *Public Works.*—The expenditure incurred on public works executed by the Public Works Department and the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 5,71,642 (Rs. 9,53,838) and Rs. 97,830 (Rs. 1,18,022) respectively.

The District Board office building at Chitaldrug was completed at a cost of Rs. 50,666 and opened by the Dewan in September 1937. A sum of Rs. 2,13,449 was spent by the Chitaldrug District Board for carrying out the works included in the Five-year Railway Cess Programme. In the Kadur District, an expenditure of Rs. 50,082 was incurred out of the Railway Cess funds on the five-year programme of roads and bridges and another sum of Rs. 5,022 for the improvement of inter-communications. The bridge at Anebidahalla, Kadur District, was completed at a cost of Rs. 24,509. The construction of a bridge across the Shimsha at Halagur, Malvalli Taluk, at a cost of Rs. 85,350 and of a causeway across the Suvarnavathi, Chamarajnagar Taluk, at a cost of Rs. 9,800 was undertaken, the Mysore District

Board contributing half the cost of the works. The mileage grants of several important roads in the Mysore District were increased with a view to maintain them in an efficient condition.

8. *Medical Relief.*—The expenditure under medical relief during the year amounted to Rs. 3,86,900 (Rs. 3,13,695). There were 226 Local Fund Dispensaries, 150 Ayurvedic Vaidyasalas and 240 Midwives maintained by the District Boards out of their funds, either wholly or in part, as against 221, 154 and 251, respectively, during the previous year. Additional Local Fund Dispensaries were opened at Kodihalli, Kankanhalli Taluk and at Mayakonda, Davangere Taluk. Rural Medical Dispensaries of the subsidised type were established at Koppa, Maddur Taluk; Basaral, Mandya Taluk; Nandipur, Mudgere Taluk; Kalasapura, Chikmagalur Taluk; Nallur, Chennagiri Taluk and at Thalaguppa, Sagar Taluk. A female section with a Maternity Home was added to the Local Fund Dispensary at Vadigenahalli. The Vaidyasalas at Kodihalli, Kankanhalli Taluk and at Vadigenahalli were abolished while those at Kumbarpet, Bangalore City, Bagalur, Hunsamaranahalli and Doddalahalli, Bangalore District, did not function.

9. *Vaccination.*—The total number of vaccinations performed during the year was 169,951 (180,391), the decrease being due to the fall in the number of vaccinations performed in all the districts except Kolar and Mysore.

10. *Vital Statistics.*—The total number of births and deaths registered during the year was 123,150 (110,289) and 83,828 (78,626) respectively. The birth rate showed a fall in the districts of Kolar, Mysore and Hassan.

The number of deaths from cholera was 439, from small-pox 84 and from plague 4,385.

11. *Water Supply.*—The number of incomplete well works at the beginning of the year was 317 and the number sanctioned during the year was 163, out of which 107 wells were completed during the year. The receipts and expenditure under the Drinking Water Wells Fund were Rs. 29,933 and Rs. 29,831 respectively. With a view to see that all the villages in the State are provided with drinking water wells within a few years, Government have directed that a sum of Rs. 15 lakhs be contributed by them during the next five years for this purpose. As the existing agencies for the execution of these works were not satisfactory, Government have directed the formation of a Rural Water Supply Committee for each district with sufficient funds at their disposal and the entertainment of the necessary technical staff.

12. *Accommodation for Travellers.*—The income realised from the fees levied for the occupation of the third class travellers' bungalows, musafirkhanas and rest houses under the control of the District Boards amounted to Rs. 10,220, while the expenditure incurred for their upkeep was Rs. 40,959. Some of the travellers' bungalows and musafirkhanas in the Bangalore and Chitaldrug Districts were closed down and the buildings were disposed of otherwise.

13. *Audit of Accounts.*—The accounts of all the District Boards for the year 1936-37 were audited, as usual, by the Local Audit Staff of the Comptroller's Office.

14. *Balances.*—The balances at the credit of the District Boards at the beginning and close of the year were as noted below :—

| District | Balance on | |
|---|---|---|
| | 30th June 1937 | 30th June 1938 |
| | Rs. | Rs. |
| Bangalore ... ... | —93,228 | —66,372 |
| Kolar ... ... | 8,359 | 20,781 |
| Tumkur ... ... | 3,673 | 18,702 |
| Mysore ... ... | 19,426 | 22,833 |
| Hassan ... ... | 7,584 | 20,332 |
| Kadur ... ... | 14,307 | 3,327 |
| Shimoga ... ... | —16,497 | —11,547 |
| Chitaldrug ... ... | 12,093 | 3,895 |

The financial condition of the District Boards is very unsatisfactory and the budgets of all the District Boards have ended in a deficit, the Bangalore and Shimoga District Boards having minus balances. The Hassan District Board was in arrears to the extent of Rs. 1,29,447 on 1st July 1938 in regard to the payment of contributions, etc., due to Government. The Kolar, Kadur and Chitaldrug District Boards have unauthorisedly utilised for their normal expenditure, a portion of the Railway Cess funds which had till now been merged in their general balances. The Committee appointed by Government to examine the finances of District Boards have submitted their report and have suggested ways and means for balancing their budgets. Their recommendations are under the consideration of Government.

15. The offices of the District Boards were inspected by the respective Deputy Commissioners during the year.

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